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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE US VISIT BY FOREIGN POW' S

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1. DEPTOFF TOLD GERMAN MIN- COUNS.(WOLFF) MAY 11 THAT ENTIRELY FOR REASONS OF NUMBERS IT PROVES TO BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR MONIKA SCHWINN AND BERNHARD DIEHL TO ATTEND WHITE HOUSE POW PARTY MAY 24. WHITE HOUSE FACILITIES WILL BE STRAINED TO LIMIT FOR 600 US POW' S AND WIVES, MAKING IT IMPOSSIBLE, TO OUR SINCERE REGRET, TO INVITE GERMAN AND OTHER NON- US POW RETURNEES.

2. AS ALTERNATIVE, DEPARTMENT HOPES MISS SCHWINN AND MR. DIEHL WILL VISIT US AT USG EXPENSE AT CONVENIENT TIME OF THEIR CHOOSING IN NEAR FUTURE. THEIR FRIEND AND FELLOW POW, PHILIP MANHARD (FSO-2) SENT THEM
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PERSONAL MESSAGE (REF B) AFFIRMING THIS INVITATION.
MANHARD THOUGHT FIRST HALF OF JUNE MIGHT BE GOOD TIME,
BUT LEAVES THIS TO MONIKA AND BERNHARD. IF THEY HAVE
QUESTIONS THEY COULD TELEPHONE HIM DIRECT (AT US EXPENSE
IF EMBASSY CAN ARRANGE).

3. FOREGOING ALSO DISCUSSED WITH GERMAN FIRST SECRETARY
RICHTER BY STATE DEPT POW SPECIAL ASSISTANT SIEVERTS

MAY 14. RICHTER SAID HE WOULD CABLE BONN TO CHECK WHEN
SCHWINN AND DIEHL MIGHT LIKE TO COME, AND FOR HOW LONG.
WE SUGGEST EMBASSY ALSO FOLLOW UP (WITH CONCURRENCE OF
FRG) DIRECTLY WITH SCHWINN AND DIEHL, TO APOLOGIZE FOR
CONFUSION ON MAY 24 AFFAIRS, AND TO REAFFIRM INVITATION
FOR TIME OF THEIR CHOOSING, INCLUDING LUNCH IN THEIR
HONOR AT STATE DEPT. AND OTHER HIGH- LEVEL APPOINTMENTS.
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